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TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJECT: THAI COFFEE SITUATION

REF: STATE 121127

1. THAILAND'S COFFEE PRODUCTION FOR 1976/77 MARKETING YEAR  
EST. AT 2,000 METRIC TONS. ANNUAL COFFEE CONSUMPTION NEAR  
3,000 TONS, LEAVING IMPORTS OF 1,000 TONS. CURRENT EXPORTS  
ARE NEGLIGIBLE.

2. UNPDAC OFFICIAL ESTIMATE 1976/77 COFFEE PRODUCTION IN  
NORTHERN THAILAND AT ONE METRIC TON--ESTIMATED TO GO TO 5 TONS  
FOR 1977/78. ALL NORTHERN PRODUCTION SOLD LOCALLY AND NONE NOW  
AVAILABLE FOR SAMPLES. SOME WERE REPORTEDLY SENT TO GENEVA FOR  
TESTS BY COFFEE COMPANY THERE, WITH RESULTS RATING OF  
"VERY GOOD TO OUTSTANDING". COMPANY SUPPOSEDLY AGREED TO BUY  
20 TONS OF NEXT YEAR'S CROP, UNFORTUNATELY NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO  
INADEQUATE PRODUCTION. UNPDAC OFFICIAL BELIEVES IT WILL BE AT  
LEAST 3 MORE YEARS BEFORE PRODUCTION REACHES EXPORT LEVEL.

3. THAI GOVERNMENT HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT A HUGE  
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OPERATION WILL BE LAUNCHED THIS YEAR TO ENCOURAGE HILL-  
TRIBESMEN TO SWITCH TO GROWING COFFEE INSTEAD OF OPIUM.  
THE PLAN IS TO ENCOURAGE THE HILLTRIBESMEN TO GROW OVER  
ONE MILLION RAI (160,00 HA.) OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.  
THE OVER ALL LEVEL OF PRODUCTION EXPECTED WAS NOT GIVEN  
BUT THE AIM IS FIRST FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY.  
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